— Regional Geological Mapping for mapping of Deogarh-Palahara-Similpal areas.

— Bio-resources, and environmental Impact Assessment of Mining in Panchpatmali and Gandhamardan bauxite and Sukinda Chromite fieldi.

— Urban Landuse study for human settlement analysis of major urban centres in the State.

— Ocean resources and coastal environment to create data base for coast zone management plan.

—Forest and Plantation Survey for monitoring of Plantation areas.

—Micro Irrigation Survey for identification of sites for water harvesting structures in four mini watershed of Koraput and five watersheds in Kalahandi.

— Mineral Targetting for three inventory areas in Mayurbhanj one area in Komma blook of Kalahandi and three inventory areas in Dhenkanal.

— Hirakud Reservoir Sedimentation Study for water quality study,

— Investigation of Golagarh Watershed in Kashipur.

— Landuse Mapping of Balasore district to provide input for Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development (STED) programme.

— Coalfield Mapping for Jharia and South Karanpura coalfields.

— Environmental impact assessment of mining for Sukinda Chromite belt, the Impact of Brick kiln is also being studied in Cuttack and Puri district.

— Micro level resource mapping of Koraput district

Production of children Books

1671. SHRI JAGADISH JANI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) what are the names of institutions in the country which are producing children's books;

(b) whether Government are aware of the need to increase the production of these books; and

(c) if so, what are the details of steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON) ; (a) Children's books at the national level are being produced by the National Book Trust, India, Children's Book Trust, publications Division and National Council of Educational Research and Training. At the State level, Balala Akademi, Hyderabad, Children Book Trust of the Punjab State University Textbook Board, Chandigarh; State Institute of Children's Litera ture, Trivandrum; are among the institutions which bring out books for children. They are also being published in various Indian languages and English by private publishers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The National Book Trust Implements the following schemes;

– Nehru Bal Pustakalaya

— Publications for School Library programme, particularly to assist in the. Operation Blackboard programme which envisages 200 general reading books to each primary school library,

— financial assistance to voluntary orgsnisatfona engaged in book promeJiooal actiyies.